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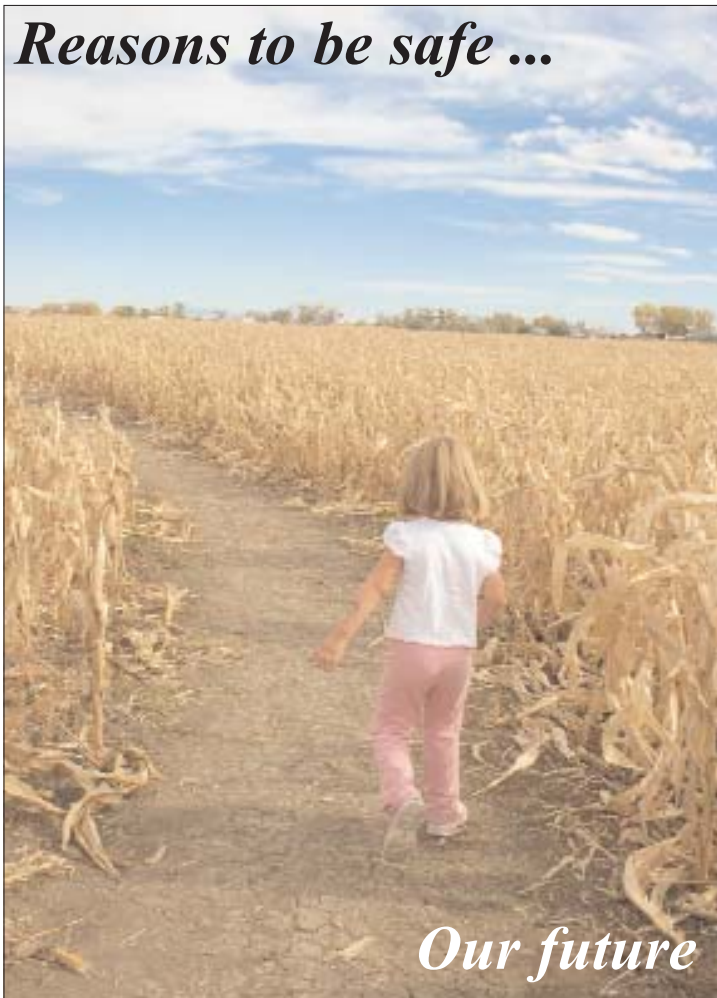
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Reasons to be safe ...



Our future



**Weather
Flight
Forecast**

Friday
High: 60
Low: 36



Saturday
High: 60
Low: 35



Sunday
High: 56
Low: 31



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By Col. Everett Thomas
341st Space Wing commander

WoW! Wing One is Wonderful, especially this week. All of our professionals have worked hard ensuring we keep America free and strong. By working as a team, the ICBM force's strategic alert rate soared to a never-before-seen 99.938 percent! This is particularly significant as our modernization and sustainment efforts demand more of our wonderful citizens. Such an accomplishment takes tenacious scheduling and organization and every unit in the wing contributes to this feat every day. I don't take the time to publicly thank you so, to all of the men and women of Wing Wonderful, my heartfelt thanks for your dedication and enthusiasm protecting our great Nation. This week you all put the "wonderful" in Wing Wonderful.

Change is upon us. The weather is changing, certainly, but I'm referring to changes like officer force shaping and the civilian NSPS. Let me assure you all that these issues are priorities for your entire leadership team, including myself, Brig. Gen. Deppe and Gen. Lord. We want to make sure we understand everything so we can inform you in the best way possible. We all have your best interests at heart, but we are also balancing the needs of the Air Force as we proceed with each program. Brig. Gen. Worley, the director of plans and programs for Air Force Space Command, will join us Thursday for a spread-the-word brief-

ing on force shaping. Please see page five for more details about the briefing and the process. For more information about NSPS, please contact the Civilian Personnel Flight. Change is never easy, but know your leadership at every level is engaged.

I'm proud to report that our Combined Federal Campaign is going very well. We have contacted 99 percent of the wing, but we are still short of our \$92,500 donation goal. As of today, we've raised \$79,305. If you've donated, thank you. If you haven't donated, please take the time to make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate than you. Donate what you can; every donation helps.

Monday Team Malmstrom will take our little ghosts and goblins out on the town. I love to see the little ones as they scare me into giving them a treat - I'm certainly not going to suffer through some of their tricks! But, as you prepare for a spooky evening, please remind everyone to be very safe. Traffic is still a hazard, so remind children to look both ways and keep costumes and masks out of their eyes. I also ask the rest of us to watch for children as we drive around Monday evening. Page 11 lists a few more tips to keep Halloween safe and fun. Our wonderful security forces will also be out, so instruct the little ones to seek help from our nearest patrolman when required.

As always, thank you for being here and doing what you do - our Nation is depending on us!

What kind of follower, leader are you?

By Lt. Col. Scott Fox
12th Missile Squadron commander

At the end of a long day at work have you ever found yourself wondering whether you actually made a difference? I hope you have and that the answer was YES!

In case you haven't considered it for awhile, I'd like to offer a couple of things to think about when that question comes up in the future.

The first thing you should think about is your specific role in the mission. No matter what your unit, the mission is why we are here and we all should know where we fit in. Once you know that, there are two things each of us should practice on a daily basis - good followership and good leadership.

At every level, we talk about teams and teams need effective followers to succeed. Unfortunately, all followers aren't the same. Some are "participants" who are actively involved and contributing to the team's forward progress. Others might be better described as "passengers," present only in body while their mind is elsewhere. What kind of follower are you?

In addition to followers, we also need good leaders. While this may seem limited to those in the positions of commander, first sergeant or supervisor, it applies to everyone. Anyone could be placed in charge of a team

directed to accomplish a task and their performance in that role could have a direct mission impact. Think about your abilities and how you would take on that leadership role. What kind of leader are you?

To succeed in both roles you don't need to look farther than our Air Force Core Values for good advice: Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do. These values form a foundation to build the skills necessary to be both a good follower and a good leader. When you combine that foundation with motivation and a positive attitude, you have an unbeatable combination!

The final question we should all ask is: "Are we taking care of each other?" This could mean being a coworker's wingman. It could mean working late to help finish a project others started. It could mean looking after a deployed member's family. It could mean any number of different things, but no matter what the specific example, taking care of each other is an absolutely necessity.

So, now go back to the initial question of "did I make a difference?" Think about your role in the mission. Think about what kind of follower and leader you are. Think about how you take care of those around you. Are you making a difference here at Malmstrom? We have motivated people whose positive attitude sets us on a course that continues to produce success, so I think the answer to that question is absolutely YES! 🦋

Understand potential hazards of candles

By Col. Kris Beasley
341st Mission Support Group commander

As we enter the winter, many of us put out holiday decorations often made more beautiful by the warm glow of candles. But, if you don't pay attention, candles can be a serious danger.

For example, do you wonder why there is an empty lot at 804 Gumwood Street? That's because Aug. 7, 2002, a fire destroyed one side of the duplex and severely damaged the other side, causing \$255,000 worth of damage to government and personal property. This was the first major fire at Malmstrom in four years and it was caused by a candle.

On Oct. 14 two of our dedicated security forces troops, Senior Airman Larry Torres and Staff Sgt. Aaron Kinnaman, were alerted by housing residents who saw flames in the living room of their neighbor's house. Airman Torres grabbed the fire extinguisher

from his patrol car and put out the fire by discharging it through an open window. Thankfully, the quick thinking and decisive action of these Malmstrom heroes prevented another accident and ensured the fire damage was limited to the coffee table and sofa - it could have been much worse. Like the 2002 fire, this fire was also caused by a candle.

During Fire Prevention Week, our firefighters talked with our children about the dangers of fire and specifically emphasized the risk of candles in homes. One of the greatest fire risks is children playing with matches, lighters and candles. But candles pose a risk when used by adults as well.

Candles are a potential hazard to our loved ones and our belongings, as well as to our homes, on base and off, and in fact, candles are the leading cause of fires in Air Force base housing. I ask that you pay special attention to the candles in your home and your dorm rooms as we enter the holiday season. 🦋

On the cover ... Clockwise from top left: Team Malmstrom little warriors; Hannah, Maddee, Connor, Christian, Ryleigh, Hailey, Talon and Shad Rae, Capt. Elizabeth Benn, Matthew and Kumara, enjoy the fall. See Page 11 for Halloween safety information.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI. . . . 6
DUIs this year 29
Same time last year 33
MIPs this year 10
Same time last year 17

788-HOME works!

1,892 Saves this year
35 Saves this week

DUIs in last 60 Days

• 741st MSFS Oct. 22
• 341st MSFS Oct. 21
• 819th RHS Oct. 9
• 741st MSFS Oct. 8
• 741st MSFS Oct. 5
• 741st MSFS Sept. 30

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| 341st Mission Support Group (Col. Kris Beasley) | 731-3791 |
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| Mission support issues (Maj. Edward W. Thomas Jr.) | 731-2036 |
| Child development center (Susan Ritter) | 731-2417 |
| Civil engineer (Lt. Col. Daniel Costello Jr.) | 731-6188 |
| Clinic | 731-4MED |
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— Hero files —

Tracking your accomplishments

By Senior Master Sgt. David Halvorson
341st Comptroller Squadron superintendent

Contractors, military and DoD civilian personnel, Guard and Reserve members, officer and enlisted alike, all work hard throughout the year to accomplish the Air Force mission. Frankly, it's amazing how much we are able to accomplish in so short a time.

We can divvy up the year any number of ways, but most would agree that aside from the obvious time spent maintaining our homes and spending time with family, we can categorize our time under a few broad labels. They would include time spent; on the job, volunteering with base and community interests and furthering our personal and professional education.

Collectively, these accomplishments hold tremendous weight in deciding who will be promoted, who will be given the "choice" assignments or tasks, or who might receive formal recognition for their efforts — recognition that often opens doors to future opportunities. Critical administrative decisions are made based upon these many variables. But how good a job do we do recording these tasks? Aren't we, the supervisors, supposed to be taking care of our troops rather than "looking out for number one?" Moreover, doesn't keeping track of our own accomplishments smack of narcissism and conceit? I guess it's all a matter of perspective.

Regarding stellar troops, I often hear comments such as, "he's just trying to get promoted," or "she's just ate up." Most of us recognize that these sentiments are often held by those who are less motivated on the job, and therefore less likely to embrace our core values of integrity, excellence and service. In fact, some will even challenge the high-achiever, saying that tracking individual (personal) accomplishments contradicts the core value of service before self. Malarkey!

When we employ a balanced philosophy of "Mission First — People Always," it's easy to see the importance of tracking individual accomplishments and then recognizing and rewarding

those accomplishments. In doing so we acknowledge that while the mission is always paramount, our people are the essential key in accomplishing it!

With this in mind, one of the most important issues we must address with our troops is their initial feedback, during which time we must clearly address standards and expectations. It's a fundamental piece of any introductory dialogue with your troops. When I provide feedback, I emphasize the importance of education and training, the need to maintain high standards and the rationale behind keeping an accurate record of their accomplishments — personal and professional — on a regular basis.

How the troops do this isn't as important as getting them to do it in the first place. Creating hero files, love-me notes, snowflake books (call them what you will) but the idea behind each tracking method is essentially the same; to keep an accurate and readily available record of achievements over time. It's easy to do and it takes just a few minutes a week. Be careful not to let your troops make the mistake of relying on memory — we know how easy it is to lose track of things.

Consider for a moment the many software programs available for personal financial planning. These user-friendly programs are surprisingly idiot-proof, but unless we actually sit down and commit to entering our transactions, we can easily lose track of a month's worth of spending — so how many of you are smiling as you muse over this statement?

My point is made.

In the future, how will your troops measure up against their peers or coworkers? How can we ensure the recognition and promotions go to those most deserving? When our leadership asks, "what have you been doing lately," how will you or your troops respond? We owe it to ourselves and our troops to keep an ongoing record of achievements so that when it comes time to make strategic administrative decisions, we are not forced to rely on a faulty or inaccurate memory. Think I'm exaggerating my point? What did you have for lunch last week Thursday? 🍗

Take time to get yourself organized!

By 1st Lt. Derrick Saraceni
10th Missile Squadron

With winter upon us, we'll soon be spending lots of time indoors avoiding the cold. This is the best time to start getting things organized; specifically, financial and personal matters. I'd like to help you by presenting some simple and highly effective steps. This is designed for everyone, for the newest Airmen just getting here, seasoned NCOs and officers as well as your kids who may be going to college soon.

To begin, there are three things I highly recommend you buy. The first is a paper shredder. With the increasing rate of identity theft, you really need to take steps to protect yourself. Second, buy a lock box of some type. Third, buy a filing system. Now that you have the tools, let's get started.

Step 1. Gather up your important documents that are hard to replace (i.e. passports, birth certificates, etc.) and put them into the lock box. I also recommend putting a password sheet into the box. A password sheet is a listing of all Web sites that you access frequently and infrequently, everything from the Air Force AMS website to your bank account and lists all the logins and passwords.

Step 2. With your newly purchased filing system, label files as follows:

Savings and checking accounts: Keep your monthly bank statements here. If you're married with separate accounts, create two folders.

Retirement accounts: This includes your TSP account information, IRAs, annuities, etc. Keep the information regarding account statements and balances, quarterly reports, purchases and whatever else you deem necessary.

Non-retirement investment accounts: These include stocks, bonds, CDs etc. It is very important that you keep track of stock purchases. When you sell them they are taxed at different rates based on how long you held them. This will make tax time much easier.

College savings fund: These include Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, state 529 plans, etc. Know where the plans, balances and quarterly reports are

located.

Insurance: Keep copies of your insurance policy for vehicles, renters and any other plans you may have.

Social Security: Do not store the actual card here! Here you want to store your Social Security benefits statement. This is typically mailed right around your birthday. It shows how much your benefits are expected to be. If you don't have one, you can go to www.ssa.gov and request one any time.

Wills and powers of attorney: If you don't have a will — get one! The judge advocate's office provides them for free. This is a very important asset to have regarding your estate plan.

Credit cards: Do not store your card here! Keep all of your account statements here. This includes department store cards as well.

Household accounts: This includes all your homeowners' information like the mortgage, repairs, refinancing, etc.

Loans: This includes student, auto and personal loan information and statements.

Medical information: This includes information on benefits, location of doctors, etc. This is also where you should keep your child's medical records and anything else you get from a visit.

Pet information: Keep any receipts you get from the vet.

Vehicle specific: Keep warranty information, receipts from maintenance performed (even if you did it) and a tracking sheet of when the maintenance was performed.

Tax returns: Stick them in a manila envelope and label it with the year. The rule of thumb is to keep them for three years. When the next tax year starts, start placing receipts that are tax deductible and other write-offs in the folder.

Obviously, if you don't have pets and children then don't create the file. By keeping everything in one organized location, you won't have to spend time looking for that one item you need when the time comes. It also makes your life easy when it comes time to PCS. This is a very simple and basic approach. Everyone is different and will have different needs, so fine-tune the files and contents accordingly. Take a little time and get organized! 🍗

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341st Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Sykes 

Six Malmstrom civilians receive service award

By Valerie Mullett

341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Six wing staff members were recently recognized for exemplary civilian service.

To be eligible for the award, persons must perform their assigned duties for at least one year in an outstanding manner or perform a single service that significantly contributes to the accomplishment of the command mission, according to Air Force Pamphlet 36-2861, Civilian Recognition Guide.

In addition, the event must clearly demonstrate specific examples of how the employee exceeded the service expected of an individual with similar responsibilities, the pamphlet states.

Robert M. Bailey, chief treaty compliance officer, was awarded the Exemplary Civilian Service award due to his efforts in the movement of 67 Minuteman III missiles. He also superbly orchestrated two no-notice reentry vehicle on-site inspections. The first required mandatory reporting which he ensured was on time and error free. The second included coordinating movement of more than 150 base personnel.

JoAnn Fruge, chief of protocol, tackled a short notice visit by the president to Great Falls, coordinated all base arrangements with the Secret Service and ensured every distinguished visitor was personally escorted through security without incident.


Dwayne McClellan, investigations inquiry specialist with the Inspector General's Office, responded to 190 contacts for assistance. His responsive

negotiations on behalf of U.S. Senator Conrad Burns secured an extension for the relocation of family housing units promised to the Montana Blackfeet Nation. His successful arbitration enabled Operation Walking Shield, an important Native American humanitarian program, to continue.

Peter Woelkers, acting chief of safety, stepped up to fill this critical wing leadership role when the chief of safety deployed in January, according to Colonel Thomas. In doing so, he was responsible for managing the wing's weapon safety and nuclear surety programs as well as ensuring the ground, traffic and flight safety programs kept thriving.

Curtis M. Shannon, wing Museum curator, aggressively sought out and obtained nine famous Lewis and Clark portage paintings by the artist Frank Hagel to display at the museum in preparation for the national bi-centennial celebration of the Corps of Discovery.

Ruth O. Hagbom, the 341st Space Wing commander's secretary, organized high-level visits for two congressmen, one senator, several congressional staffers and four general officers. She ensured the completion of more than 3,000 correspondences, trained three executive officers, helped manager the 20th Air Force Commanders' Conference and coordinated planning for the DoD-level Exercise Diligent Warrior.

All six civilians received a medal and citation for their accomplishments. The exemplary civilian service award is the sixth highest in the order of precedence for Air Force civilian awards. 

AFSPC affected by force shaping

By Tech. Sgt. Kate Rust
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The Air Force announced Oct. 18 that it will convene a force shaping board in 2006 to meet emerging Air Force needs, and while the space, missile, and other core Air Force specialties will be exempt from the force shaping board, most of the rest of the support officer specialties making up Air Force Space Command will be affected.

Approximately 410 Air Force Space Command members meet the eligibility criteria for the Force Shaping Board at this time.

"The impact will be felt primarily in our combat support career fields (public affairs, services, personnel, maintenance, logistics readiness)," said Lt. Col. Linda Tutko, Chief of Air Force Space Command Officer Assignments. "Our space operators and developmental engineers will not be impacted."

According to a recent Air Force Print News release, the Air Force began fiscal year 2006 with a force imbalance. It was under strength by approximately 6,000 enlisted and over strength by approximately 3,000 officers.

The first Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene

at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, April 3, 2006, at the Air Force Personnel Center. The board will evaluate active-duty line officers in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups except those officers who have less than two years current active service or 15 or more years of active service as of Sept. 29, 2006.

Eligible officers may continue to apply for voluntary separation until March 1, 2006 using the force shaping initiatives already approved. Subsequent boards will consider officers commissioned three years earlier. For example, the 2007 board will evaluate officers commissioned in 2004.

AFSPC officials will be visiting bases around the command soon to deliver "Spread the Word" briefings to describe the annual Force Shaping Board and how the process will work.

While the briefing is mandatory for line officers in the 2002-2003 year groups, it is optional for all other officers and highly recommended for officers in the 2004 and 2005 year

groups, and their supervisors.

For more information about the Force Shaping Board and volunteer separation opportunities, visit the AFPC Force Shaping Website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/ret-sep/shape.htm or call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. ♀

The Force Shaping Board "Spread the Word" base visit to Malmstrom will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the base auditorium. Attendance for the briefing is mandatory for all officers commissioned in the 2002 and 2003 year groups and highly encouraged for the 2004 and 2005 year groups.

Air Force Personnel Center prepares to conduct force shaping board in 2006

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – In an effort to right size and shape the force for the future, Air Force officials have approved an annual board that will evaluate officers for continued service at their three-year point as part of the service's force management program.

The first Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene here April 3, 2006, at the Air Force Personnel Center. The board will evaluate active duty line officers in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups except those officers who have less than two years current active service or 15 or more years of active service as of Sept. 29, 2006.

The objective of the FSB is to shape the future force by retaining the officers the Air Force needs to develop as its future leaders. The board will make its determination based on:

- Central selection record content
- Officer selection brief
- Officer performance reports
- Decorations

■ Letters of evaluation: Permanent change of station students (such as those at intelligence school or attending the Air Force Institute of Technology) will not have an RRF completed on them. Instead, their host wing commander will complete a letter of evaluation outlining the officer's training program and performance.

■ Letter to the board: Board eligible officers are authorized to submit a letter to the board to provide additional information relevant to the board decision process that is not included in any other documents in the central selection record.

■ Retention recommendation form: The first O-6 or GS-15 in the officer's chain of command will write a nine-line narrative and make a recommendation. The senior rater will review the form and either concur or non-concur with the initial reviewer's recommendation. The senior rater will also provide a mandatory ranking on all officers in their unit by accession year group and Air Force Specialty Code.

A general officer is scheduled to visit nearly every base to further explain the FSB process and how it fits into the service's overall force management program. Likewise, they will ensure Airmen are aware of the current voluntary separation initiatives.

Air Force leaders had hoped to reduce the line officer corps through a robust voluntary Force Shaping Program. The program continues to offer interested officers the following separation options, which may also include a waiver for recouping education costs:

■ Limited Active Duty Service Commitment waivers: This program allows individuals to separate before the expiration of certain active duty service commitments.

- Air Force Reserve Palace Chase
- Air National Guard Palace Chase
- Army Blue to Green

Opportunities also exist for Airmen to continue to serve their country through federal civilian employment.

These voluntary initiatives close to FSB eligible officers on March 1, 2006, as AFPC will no longer accept separation applications from these officers. ♀

Designating a beneficiary for SGLI speeds up process

By Capt. Shelly Stokes
Malmstrom legal office

The Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program was created to allow military members to provide short-term financial security for their families in the event of their death.

Although technically allowed, designating "by law" or "by will" as the beneficiary for the SGLI delays payments or may even exclude loved ones from receiving payments under the SGLI program. The legal office recommends servicemembers specifically name the person, trust, corporation, charity, church, or any other legal entity as the beneficiary.

SGLI was created because most civilian life insurance policies will not pay if the policy holder is killed in war or other military action. Under the SGLI program, up to \$400,000 may be paid to the chosen beneficiary. This money goes directly to whomever the servicemember chooses, however the choice must be made clearly.

AFI 36-3002 (Casualty Services) was recently revised to suggest that a member could write "by will" or "by last will and testament" rather than naming a specific beneficiary. While technically allowed, in several current cases, benefit checks are being held because the member listed "by will" but the will has not been located. Assuming a will is located, the SGLI money will be sent to the estate once the will is probated. Once made a part of the estate, the SGLI money, just like all other assets in an estate, can be used to pay any unpaid debts or bills. It may take months for loved ones to receive payments and depending on the amount of personal debt, may result in loved ones getting nothing.

A servicemember may also have been advised to list "by law" as the beneficiary. Under the federal law creating the SGLI program, payments made "by law" will be distributed in the following order; to the widow/widower; to the children in equal shares; to parents in equal shares; to the estate and distributed in accordance with the last will and testament or by state law if there is no will. However, this law specifically defines widow/widower, child and parent. Those definitions do not include stepparents, stepchildren, foster children, or children born out of wedlock. By writing "by law" a servicemember may be unintentionally excluding a loved one from receiving payments. Likewise, a person may be unintentionally including someone they do not want to receive SGLI payments.

To make sure loved ones receive the SGLI payments it is best to specifically name them as your beneficiary. There are ways to leave SGLI payments to a group of people, to an entity, or to a trust established through a will; however, the servicemember should consult with an attorney at the legal office before listing "by law" or "by will" as the beneficiary.

For more information on designating a beneficiary for your SGLI, call the Malmstrom Base Legal Office at 731-2878. ♀



51 Malmstrom Airmen awarded CCAF degree

The following Airmen graduated from the Community College of the Air Force Oct. 19 in the Grizzly Bend Club.

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Staff Sgt. Libra Johnson

12th Missile Squadron
Staff Sgt. Tyhessia Stephens

490th Missile Squadron
Staff Sgt. Michael Grainger

341st Missile Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jason Sheldon

741st Missile Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Charlie Belton

341st Security Forces Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Boyd Brown
Staff Sgt. Amanda Campbell

341st Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Ernest Owens

341st Maintenance Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Aaron Davidson
Staff Sgt. Alexandra Ravens
Tech. Sgt. Michael Davis
Master Sgt. Orin Richardson
Master Sgt. Norman Vercolen

341st Missile Maintenance Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Mark Bivens
Master Sgt. Chriss Hart

341st Maintenance Group
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Staff Sgt. Jason Young
Tech. Sgt. Jerry Phillips, Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Raymond Primmer
Master Sgt. Richard Hysing

341st Contracting Squadron
Senior Airman Heather Achey
Tech. Sgt. Amy Pope

341st Comptroller Squadron
Master Sgt. Michael Henderson

341st Space Wing
Staff Sgt. Shawn Rice

341st Medical Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. (Ret) Teresa Grubidge

341st Medical Operations Squadron
Senior Airman Pauline Orr

341st Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior Airman Devin Boler
Senior Airman Adrian Miller
Senior Airman Yubyayny Nicudemus
Senior Airman Stephen Reeves
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Klingenberg, Jr.
Master Sgt. (Ret) Timothy Barkley

341st Communications Squadron
Senior Airman Shakeel Bhatti
Senior Airman Matthew Farewell
Staff Sgt. Michael Glathar
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ross

341st Logistics Readiness Squadron
Staff Sgt. Michael Batres
Staff Sgt. Rafael Deltoro
Staff Sgt. Timothy Moss
Tech. Sgt. David Chandler
Master Sgt. Larry Morris

341st Operations Group
Master Sgt. Edward North

341st Mission Support Squadron
Senior Airman Kerie Righetti
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Rees
Master Sgt. Michael Snyder

341st Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Louis Cochran, Jr.

819th RED HORSE Squadron
Staff Sgt. Brian Street
Staff Sgt. Phillip Torres
Tech. Sgt. Robert Cullison
Master Sgt. Dax Marvel
Master Sgt. Patrick Wessel

Sharp troop awards announced

The following are third quarter Sharp Troop Award winners for July through September.

341st Medical Operations Squadron
Airman 1st Class Rebecca Smen

341st Medical Support Squadron
Airman 1st Class Michael Schmuke

341st Comptroller Squadron
Airman 1st Class Juliana Nualta

341st Missile Security Forces Squadron
Airman 1st Class Melissa Conrad

341st Security Forces Support Squadron
Senior Airman Justin Cullop

341st Security Forces Squadron
Airman Gerald Stowell

341st Logistics Readiness Squadron
Airman 1st Class Jennifer Van Cleave

819th RED HORSE Squadron
Senior Airman Joseph Griffin

341st Missile Maintenance Squadron
Airman 1st Class Sonny Putman

341st Communications Squadron
Staff Sgt. Susan Hanuschewicz

741st Missile Security Forces Squadron
Airman David Pratt

490th Missile Squadron
Senior Airman Vanese Levy

564th Missile Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jamari Austin

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Malmstrom Airman wins skeet championship

By Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Ffifrick
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

A Malmstrom master sergeant took first place at the World Skeet Shooting Championship, which was held Oct. 6 to 15 in San Antonio, Texas.

Master Sergeant John Barnes, 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron, was part of

a five-man Air Force team that placed first in the military concurrent.

"Because this was the world championships everyone was very competitive," said Sergeant Barnes. "We have a lot of team camaraderie and several new shooters who have already established themselves." To qualify for the team, shooters must participate in eight competitions on their own

throughout the year.

The Air Force team has won the last three Armed Forces Championships and the last four World Skeet Shooting Championships.

"This was the best I've ever finished," said Sergeant Barnes who first began competing with the Air Force team in 1993. "It's great fun to be with my teammates and interact with the other services." Sergeant Barnes scored 648 out of 650 in the individual military concurrent in the high all-around competition.

According to Sergeant Barnes, World Record documentation is being submitted for a two-man military team score of 200 out of 200; a military-civilian team score 1,094 out of 1,100; and Sergeant Barnes' individual score of 648 out of 650.

Sergeant Barnes has enjoyed considerable success in skeet shooting, winning his first Armed Forces Championship in 1995. The tradition of excellence he has established for himself led to his induction into the Armed Forces Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame in May.

"That was the pinnacle of my shooting career," said Sergeant Barnes. "I have never felt a greater honor than being selected by a panel of former inductees for this distinguished award." According to Sergeant Barnes, he is only the second active duty servicemember to



Courtesy photo

Master Sergeant Barnes has been competing with the Air Force skeet team since 1993.

ever be inducted.

For this year's championship, there were more than 950 shooters representing all branches of service, with the Air Force team winning five of six events. 🦅



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Ffifrick

Master Sergeant John Barnes, left, 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron, recently competed in the World Skeet Shooting Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

Rimrock Opera vocalists come to base youth center, club

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Vocalists from the Rimrock Opera Company in Billings performed opera and musical pieces at Malmstrom last week as part of a National Endowment for the Arts' Great American Voices military bases tour.

"This is the first time we have performed at Malmstrom and hopefully this will not be the last," said Doug Nagel, owner of the Rimrock Opera Company.

The NEA selected dozens of opera companies nationwide as part of the "Unforgettable Melodies from Opera and Broadway" tour to bring opera to nearby military base communities. The NEA previously ran similar projects such as "Operation Homecoming" and "Shakespeare in American Communities" to provide professional performances to military and their families.

In addition to the performances, which will run from October through August, the artists visited schools and conducted pre-concert events to familiarize youth and adults with these types of music.

The Rimrock Opera Company's performance took place Oct. 21 at the Grizzly Bend Club. Before the performance, the four vocalists and a pianist first performed a variety of featured selections from popular operas such as "The Marriage of Figaro" and Mozart's "Don Giovanni,"

as well as, highlights from classic American musicals such as "West Side Story" for nearly 40 children at the youth program center Oct. 20.

"I've participated in outreach programs before but I've never interacted this way with the children," said Christina Major, who sings soprano. "They were a great group and very interested in the pieces and singing parts of the songs."

Doug Nagel, who sang baritone, introduced each vocalist by their voice type and explained how each voice played a role in an opera. He also showed them an opera score, explained Italian or other foreign key words and had them sing along with a song's chorus. By the end of the interactive lesson, the room was split into three sections each singing their part of Row, Row, Row Your Boat.

Parents joined in the group activities singing along with the children.

"I had to bring my children to see this," said Christina Huschak. "This is the first time they could get this kind of

experience and I don't think they will forget it anytime soon." 🦅



Vocalists from the Rimrock Opera Company in Billings perform for Team Malmstrom members at the youth programs center Oct. 20.

Malmstrom member selected for USAF Honor Guard

By 2nd Lt. Justin Brockhoff
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

One of Malmstrom's own, Airmen 1st Class Donald Andre, was recently selected to join the USAF Honor Guard at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Airman Andre, 341st Logistics Readiness Squadron, submitted an application package earlier this year and was notified in September of his selection to the Air Force's premier honor guard team.

"I take everything in my life as a challenge," said Airman Andre "this is a challenge I'd like to meet." Fellow Malmstrom Honor Guard member, 2nd Lt Emma Poon, added that "Airman Andre's selection to the USAF Honor Guard is well-deserved and couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

During his time at Malmstrom, Airman Andre has strived to excel in and out of the honor guard. In the past two years he has participated in over 100 honor guard details, and also received many awards from his unit including the Performer of the Month award and most recently the Sharp Troop Award for the month of September. He is also a member of Malmstrom's intramural basketball team.

Airman Andre will be joining the USAF Honor Guard as soon as time allows. Currently, displaced Airmen from hurricane affected areas are assigned to Bolling AFB on a temporary basis. When they are able to move on and room is available on base, Airman Andre will receive his orders to Washington.

The USAF Honor Guard's mission is to maintain and employ a ceremonial capability to represent the United States Air Force at public and official ceremonies. In order to apply for appointment to the unit one must meet many qualifications, as well as receive an endorsement by his unit commander, base commander, and command chief master ser-



Photo by Roger Dey

Airman 1st Class Donald Andre passes the flag down to other members of the Malmstrom Air Force Base Honor Guard during the Retirees Retreat ceremony April 29.

geant. The Honor Guard has a maximum membership of 200 at any given time.

For more information about the USAF Honor Guard, visit http://www.bolling.af.mil/orgs/OG/HG/Index_HG.htm.

General Regni takes command of Air Force Academy

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) – Lt. Gen. John F. Regni became the U.S. Air Force Academy's 17th superintendent during a change of command ceremony here today.

The new superintendent graduated from USAFA with a bachelor of science degree in Biology in 1973.

"I am honored and humbled to pick up the torch from General John Rosa," General Regni said, adding that he will continue to work with cadet classes to ensure they are positively motivated and shaped and to meet the life-or-death challenges that await them as lieutenants, captains and beyond in

the 21st Century Air Force.

"Our mission is critically important to our Air Force and to our nation, and we take our mission seriously," he said.

"I can tell you that the academy is on a very strong footing and my intention – and the Air Force's intention – is to continue to work issues hard and make the academy even stronger than it is today," General Regni said.

Lt. Gen. John F. Regni, a 1973 academy graduate, became the 17th superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy Monday. (Photo by Joel Strayer)



'Virtual Commissary' opens whole new world of internet shopping

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary shoppers looking for a different kind of gift for friends or family at home or abroad can let their "fingers do the clicking" at the new Virtual Commissary. Located under the shopping link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, Virtual Commissary will open a whole new world of Internet shopping for authorized users of the commissary benefit.

"We're excited about DeCA's first adventure into the world of Internet shopping," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency.

Initially, one of DeCA's business partners, Kraft Foods, Inc., is kicking off Internet shopping with a selection of gift baskets. "But the number of vendors and manufacturers participating will continue to increase – along with the variety of products," Nixon said.

All of the products in the gift baskets at Virtual Commissary can be found on the shelves of "brick and mortar" commissaries, but the unique packaging of products into gift and special occasion baskets adds a new twist. With titles like "Camouflage," "Drill Sergeant" and "Touch of Home," the baskets offer assortments of crackers, canned cheeses, cookies, candies and even beverages and coffee packs.

To access the extended commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found under the shopping link at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Personal information entered by the customer is validated to ensure they are an authorized shopper. Access is dependent on whether the customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Military exchanges use a similar method to check for authorization before permitting access to exchange Web sites or online shopping.

DoD civilians stationed overseas who are otherwise authorized to shop at commissaries may not be able to access Virtual Commissary until changes are made to the DEERS database by the Defense Manpower Data Center, said DeCA officials. DMDC is targeting completion of the changes for late November.

Virtual Commissary customers can make selections and fill in their payment and shipping information in one easy and secure step, before being transferred to the manufacturer's site where they can get total cost for the product (including the shipping) and finalize their purchase.

Shipping and handling charges are paid by the customer, just as at most other Internet shopping sites, and charges will vary depending on the method of shipping selected, location, and the speed of delivery requested. Customers can check for availability of delivery to APO and FPO addresses as well as get more information on what's in the gift baskets by clicking on the image of the gift basket at Virtual Commissary.

Payment for orders can be made with any credit card accepted in "real" commissaries and customer information is not archived by DeCA.

"We're certainly energized by the possibilities offered to our customers through this partnership with industry," Nixon said. "The future of online commissary shopping is unlimited!"

Down the road, Virtual Commissary expansion could include making a wide variety of commissary products available, a feature that would allow deployed military service members, retirees, and other authorized shoppers to order items they want and need at commissary savings – no matter where they live.

Customer service closure

The customer service office at the military personnel flight will be closed Wednesday and Thursday for office upgrades. Due to this, ID cards will not be issued on these days. For more information, call 731-4455.

Free dinner at Golden Corral

The annual free dinner buffet offered to U.S. veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve military personnel is from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Golden Corral restaurant located at 1624 Market Place Drive. For more information, call 453-3500.

Chief Hampton farewell dinner

Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, the wing's former command chief master sergeant, will have a retirement dinner at 6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the 3-Bay Hangar. Cost is \$12 for officers and NCOs and \$8 for Airmen. Dress is Montana casual and those wishing to attend must prepay by Nov. 14. To attend, contact your first sergeant.

Next MAC luncheon scheduled at MANG

The next Military Affairs Committee luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Montana Air National Guard. The luncheon is open to all military and civilian base employees. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday. Call 1st Lt. Curtis Cunningham at 731-6640 to reserve your spot.

Combat Arms ranges are off limits

The Combat Arms ranges, located on the southeast corner of Malmstrom, are off-limits to all personnel except those conducting official business or attending training. Trespassing on the range complex or the surface danger zone behind the range can be life threatening. For more information, call 731-6422 or 731-6423.

MMIA to meet in November

Missile Maintainers in Action will hold its second meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 10 in the conference room of building 1439. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

All missile maintenance group personnel and spouses are invited to attend the meeting to discuss this year's children's Christmas party. For more information, call Cherry Quevy at 731-3844.

Take the climate assessment survey

There is still time to let your thoughts be known via the Air Force Climate Assessment Survey. The Web link is <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> and it will be active through Nov. 23.



Montana Autism Walk seeks volunteers

Montana Autism Walk is looking for volunteers to help organize the event. The walk is scheduled for June 2006. Planning meets will be held the first Tuesday of each month at Quality Life Concepts located at 215 Smelter NE. For more information, call Deena or Jay Kopp at 454-0075.

VA reps to perform records review

A Veterans Administration representative will be at the Airman and Family Readiness Flight Nov. 10 to perform medical records reviews for members getting ready to retire. Those seeking a review must:

- have a firm discharge date
- be within 60 and 180 days of discharge date
- have copies of service medical records to give to VA
- have at least 45 days remaining in service and be available for an exam

■ not be separating because of MEB/PEXB
Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness center at 731-4900.

New TRAVCO phone number

The new phone number for TRAVCO will be 1-888-841-3551. Call this number to make any reservations relating to your TDY including plane tickets, car rentals, hotels, etc.

Call 731-6275 with questions.

Assistance requests will be taken

The Salvation Army will begin signing up individuals who need assistance for either Thanksgiving or Christmas. Sign ups will take place at the Corps Community Center, 1000 17th Avenue S. Monday to Nov. 4, Nov. 7 to 11 and Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Individuals need to bring the following when coming in to sign up for assistance:

- Adults: photo ID and social security card if number isn't on the ID
- Children: medical card or birth certificate and social security card

- Proof of income for entire household
 - Proof of address (rent receipt and utility bill)
 - Be prepared to provide clothing sizes for children
 - Kids 12 and under — bring a toy wish
- For more information, call 453-039.

Defense Travel System

The Defense Travel System, scheduled for implementation in November, will automate the Department of Defense travel process.

DTS travelers will be able to generate travel authorizations, make trip reservations and route travel requests for approval from their desktop. The traveler will also be able to reserve airfare, lodging and rental cars. For more information about the system, go to <https://www.defensetravel.osd.mil>.

See off your family member

Family members of deploying or redeploying military members can accompany them to the boarding areas at the Great Falls International Airport, according to new guidance. Family members must go to the check-in area of the specific airline the military member is traveling on and request a "pass" to accompany them to the boarding area or meet them when they return. This also applies to children. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Douglas Hobdy at 731-3031.

Thank you!

Cub Scout Pack 43 would like thank Wing Wonderful for outstanding support during the 3rd Annual Coat and Warm Clothing Drive Oct. 22! The scouts collected 2,500 pounds of coats and warm clothing for the Great Falls Rescue Mission.

Pack 43 would also like to thank the Air Force Sergeants Association, 341st Security Forces Squadron's Alpha Flight, Malmstrom First Sergeants, the 341st Services Squadron, AAFES, DeCA, Senior Airman Scott Simundic and the Malmstrom public affairs office for their donations and support of this event. Without the effort and support of Wing Wonderful this event would not have been possible!

— Cub Scout Pack 43

Commander's Access Channel Schedule

Information Assurance: Network Protection
Run time: 34 minutes

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| 3 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 5 p.m. |
| 5 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 7 p.m. |
| 7 a.m. | 1 p.m. | 9 p.m. |

Information Assurance: Computer Security
Run time: 40 minutes

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| 4 a.m. | Noon | 8 p.m. |
| 6 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 10 p.m. |
| 8 a.m. | 4 p.m. | |
| 10 a.m. | 6 p.m. | |

Drinking and Driving: Is It Worth Even One Life?

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| 11 p.m. | Midnight | 2 a.m. |
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Malmstrom community announcements air between scheduled programs.



Goal: \$92,500

To date, Team Malmstrom has donated \$79,305 to the Combined Federal Campaign. Currently, Malmstrom is at 86 percent of its goal. The campaign ends Nov. 4.

NOTICE

Malmstrom AFB Draft Environmental Assessment
Malmstrom AFB proposed to construct 797 new homes. A draft environmental assessment for this action is located for review at the City of Great Falls public library. Copies of the document can be obtained by calling 731-7227. Malmstrom is soliciting comments until Nov. 5. Comments will be incorporated into the final environmental assessment. Any comment should be addressed to:
341 CES/CEVC
39 78th Street North
Malmstrom AFB, MT 59402
or e-mail comments to:
tony.lucas@malmstrom.af.mil

Airmen Against Drunk Driving Spotlight!

Airman David Eidsvoug, had 35 saves last week. There have been 1,892 saves in 2005. The base's AADD program is available from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day by calling

788-HOME (4663)

AADD is always looking for volunteers. The program only works with volunteer support. Call Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Ryan at 731-7256 or Tech. Sgt. Norm Martell at 731-7755 for details.

Asher leads way for Malmstrom's defenders

By Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fifrick
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Rangers Lead The Way!

... and that's exactly what he does. Col. Steve Asher, 341st Security Forces Group commander, leads the largest group of security forces members in the U.S. Air Force. More than 1,200 defenders strong; it's a full-time job.

"I came into this job with open ears and open eyes," Colonel Asher said. "After talking to the Airmen, I developed a vision and worked hard to capture it in a way that would be meaningful — a fit, fighting force." According to Colonel Asher, it is each individual's responsibility to train and be fit emotionally, spiritually and physically.

"My job is to make things better for my Airmen," Colonel Asher said.

Coming from a long tradition of family military service, Colonel Asher enlisted in the Air Force in 1974 as a Law Enforcement specialist before he was commissioned in 1983.

"I joined the Air Force for two reasons," said Colonel Asher. "I felt it was my duty and I wanted to be a policeman." The Air Force was a way to make both these things happen.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fifrick

Colonel Asher sent off 30 security forces members to the Gulf Coast area in early September in support of Joint Task Force Katrina.

When you ask the colonel what his favorite assignment was while he was enlisted he'll tell you it was Eglin AFB, Fla.

"I was a young kid and there was 23 miles of beach," Colonel Asher said.

"We had a big law enforcement mission and there was law enforcement work to do everyday." While Colonel Asher's favorite assignment

takes you to the sunny beaches of Florida, his favorite assignment as an officer brings you right back here to Montana.

"I was a second lieutenant working out in the field in charge of two flights," Colonel Asher said. "I was truly in charge and that's something unusual for a junior

lieutenant."

Though the colonel's military career has taken him around the globe and back again, he still calls Phoenix home.

"My family lived in Phoenix until I started high school," Colonel Asher recalls. "Then we moved to Pennsylvania. We only lived there for three years though. My mom never got Skid Monster training and ended up in a wreck every winter, so we moved back to Arizona."

An interesting fact about the colonel that one might not guess after witnessing his gracious smile and calm demeanor, is that Colonel Asher successfully completed Army Ranger training.

"You learn how to lead people when you're cold, tired and hungry," Colonel Asher said. "It's a great leadership lab." While there may be easier ways to master the fine art of leadership, that just wouldn't be the colonel's way.

"I was absolutely amazed and surprised when I got here and saw how many hours our security forces members put in," Colonel Asher said. "They do all this without a whole lot of supervision, yet they get the job done and they're doing it well." The distinct pride Colonel Asher feels toward his security forces Airmen is evident in his smile.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Rangers Lead The Way! 🦋

Info in a box ...

Hometown: Phoenix

Family: Wife, Malinda, and sons, Daniel and James

Favorite course in college: Criminal Law

Least favorite: Mathematics. "My brain just doesn't work that way. I'm more intuitive than deductive."

Favorite coin: Ranger Training Brigade
First car: 1968 maroon Pontiac Tempest station wagon

Movie preference: "Patton." "I like realistic movies and my son, James, and I are history buffs."

Hobbies: Snow and water skiing, jogging, fishing and judo.



Colonel Steve Asher pictured with his wife, Malinda, and sons, Daniel and James.

Colonel Steve Asher

Colonel Steve Asher is the commander of the 341st Security Forces Group, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, home of the largest security forces group in the United States Air Force. He leads four security forces squadrons of more than 1,200 personnel in providing security and force protection for the 341st Space Wing, including its main operating base, 20 launch control centers and 200 intercontinental ballistic missiles deployed across 23,500 square miles in central Montana.

Colonel Asher enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1974 as a law enforcement specialist where he served at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In 1983, he earned his commission through Officer Training School earning honors as a distinguished graduate before returning to the location of his first assignment at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. The colonel has also commanded at the squadron level and served in a variety of positions to include chief of the Resources and Training Branch at Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe and chief of Weapons Systems Security at Headquarters Air Combat Command. 🦋



Vigilance, caution key for safe Halloween activities

From the 341st Space Wing Safety Office

With Halloween rapidly approaching it is important that people keep safety in the front of their minds. Although many events during the Halloween season are intended to be fun, anytime an activity is at night and involves children, extra caution must be practiced. To ensure everyone has a fun and safe season, the safety office offers the following tips for parents, homeowners, children and motorists:

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on sidewalks.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Ensure shoes fit appropriately.
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Ensure that props (i.e. flexible knives, swords, guns) are easily identified as toys.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

- If you buy (or make) a costume, look for (or make) one

PUMPKIN PATROL

Between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. the Pumpkin Patrol will be ensuring a safe environment for Malmstrom's little warriors during trick-or-treat. In addition to the base mobile patrols, there will be foot patrols assigned throughout base housing.

Trick-or-treat hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Monday

of flame-retardant material.

- Children should carry a cell phone or some change so they can call home.
- An adult should accompany young children.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- Make sure your child eats dinner before setting out.

■ If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch that is easy to read.

■ You should know where they're going.

■ Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.

■ Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

■ Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.

■ Pets get frightened on Halloween. Make sure they are protected from cars and can't inadvertently bite a trick-or-treater.

■ Battery powered lights are preferable to real flames and candles in Jack-O-Lanterns.

■ If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing and monitor it through the evening.

■ Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a burning candle.

■ Healthy food alternatives for



Christian and Gavin, 12th Missile Squadron little warriors, go pumpkin picking.

trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.

■ Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers and small toys.

Motorists

■ Stay alert for children crossing streets at all locations, not just corners and intersections.

■ Drive slowly in residential areas.

■ Don't run red lights. Give yourself enough time to reach your destination.

■ Check your vehicle's headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals to ensure they are in proper working condition.

■ Clean windows and headlights to improve visibility.

This year's trick-or-treat time for Malmstrom is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. 🦋

FALL FESTIVAL!

Where: Youth Programs Center

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday

Cost: \$5 per person

What: Carnival games, costume contest, pumpkin walk and refreshments.

Plan ahead to make Halloween fire-safe for little warriors

By John Gilmore

Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Prevention

Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions, such as making sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant, can prevent fires.

Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from



Technical Sergeant William Kudrna, 819th RED HORSE Squadron, and his son, Sean, carve pumpkins.

all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Use extreme caution when decorating with candles and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from all combustible items. Pumpkins can also be illuminated with small, inexpensive flashlights.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. These are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

HAUNTED FLOOR

The 341st Operations Group is hosting a Haunted Floor on the third floor of building 500. This event is free and open to all military families. Candy will be handed out to Malmstrom's little warriors.

5 to 7 p.m. Monday

Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

Instruct children who are attending parties at a different home to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.

Plan ahead, be fire-safe! 🦋

Malmstrom ballers take game downtown



Photos by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fitrack
Larry Haynes slams the ball at practice Monday.

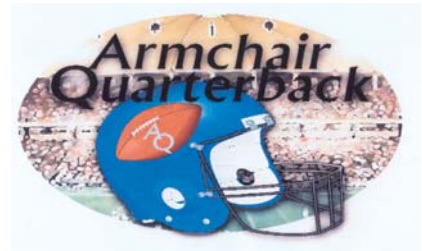
Men's basketball schedule
Today: *Montana Tech at Malmstrom 6 p.m.*
Tuesday: Malmstrom at the Great Falls Recreation Center 9 p.m.
Nov. 8: Malmstrom at the Great Falls Recreation Center 9 p.m.
Nov. 14: (Tentative start date of single elimination playoff)
Dec. 1: University of Montana Western in Dillon, Mont., 7 p.m.
Dec. 2: Montana Tech in Butte, Mont., 6 p.m.
Jan. 6 - 7: Lethbridge Community College in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, 7 p.m.
Feb. 11: University of Montana Western at Malmstrom 8 p.m.
 (The Great Falls Recreation Center is located at the corner of 2nd Ave. N. and 8th St.)



Marcus Jenkins runs a three-man drill during practice Monday to get ready for today's game.



Malmstrom basketball team players stretch before beginning practice at the fitness center Monday.



Log on to 341services.com
to make your picks

**This week's Armchair Quarterback
is: Scott Wolf
with 11 of 14 correct picks .**

Week 8 match-ups are:

Sunday, Oct. 30
 Arizona at Dallas
 Chicago at Detroit
 Cleveland at Houston
 Green Bay at Cincinnati
 Jacksonville at St. Louis
 Minnesota at Carolina
 Oakland at Tennessee
 Washington at N.Y. Giants
 Kansas City at San Diego
 Miami at New Orleans
 Philadelphia at Denver
 Tampa Bay at San Francisco
 Buffalo at New England

Monday, Oct. 31: Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Fit Factor

Fit Factor is a new youth fitness initiative that encourages physical activity, healthy eating selections and rewards youth between the ages of 9-18 for their efforts. Three participants in the Fit Factor program have met their first goal accumulating 1,000 points through various physical activities.

**Denali Sperl
Rye Sperl
Jennifer Moore**

Sports Short

Investigations Office asking for help

The Security Forces Investigations Office is asking for information about numerous thefts at the sports and fitness center.

Over the past three months, a thief or thieves, have been stealing cash and other valuables from unsecured lockers while personnel are using the facility.

In order to prevent further theft, patrons are asked to secure their valuables when using the facility and to notify a security forces dispatcher (731-3895) of any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information about the thefts that have taken place is asked to call security forces investigations at 731-4498 or a dispatcher. Personnel providing information will remain anonymous if desired.

Aces High Bowling Center - 731-2695



Extreme Bowling Tonight, Oct. 28
Saturday, Oct. 29
Starts at 9 p.m.

Two Ways to Win a Turkey (Nov. 1-19)

Critter Shoot

Get a strike in 3rd, 6th and 9th frame - win a turkey! **Cost: \$2/person**

Walk-Across Bowl

Knock down 8 or more pins on each lane across 10 lanes - win a turkey! **Cost: \$2/person - one try.**



Arts and Crafts Center - 731-3641

Sign up at least one day prior to class.

Kid's Craft Class - Bird House

Saturday, Oct. 29
from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per student per class for instruction and materials.

Beginning Woodworking

Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

This two-evening class on Nov. 1 and 3 costs \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple, plus materials.

Stained Glass Class

Thursday, Nov. 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
This is a two-evening class on Thursday evenings. **Cost: \$35 per person.**



10th Annual Holiday Card Competition

Need some extra cash for your squadron booster club? Enter the 341st Services Squadron Holiday Card Competition! Winners will receive \$150 first place, \$100 second place, and \$75 third place.

For more information, go to 341Services.com or call 731-3641 for details.

Bring this coupon into the Arts & Crafts Center and receive:

75% off
rubber stamps and supplies

Expires: Nov. 30, 2005



4-Wheel Tire Balance Special
Only \$20

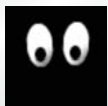
Value: \$26
Expires: Nov. 30, 2005

Outdoor Recreation - 731-4202

Please call for availability.

Caving Adventure

Saturday, Oct. 29
from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lick Creek cave offers excellent challenges in this underground adventure. ODR will provide helmets and headlamps. Be sure to bring a change of clothes as you will get dirty! **Cost: \$12 per person.**



Cookie Contest

The 341st Service Squadron is sponsoring a Cookie Contest. Join in the fun by submitting your favorite cookie! Prizes will be awarded for the Grand Prize winner and 1st and 2nd place for adult and youth categories! Applications are due by Nov. 10 and cookies must be taken to the Grizzly Bend Club for judging on Dec. 1 from noon to 2 p.m. For complete details - go to www.341Services.com.



Grizzly Bend Club - 731-3359

Membership Night Costume Party

Tonight, Oct. 28 - starts at 5 pm

Enjoy great music, food and fun!

Free for Club members
\$5 - Spouses of Club members
\$10 - Non-members

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Sunday Brunch

Reservations are recommended!

Sunday, Oct. 30

from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Selections include all your favorite breakfast items, such as Belgian waffles, cinnamon French toast, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, gravy and bacon as well as turkey, baked cod, garlic mashed potatoes, chef's vegetables, rice pilaf, and assorted desserts.

Adults: \$15.95 adults - show your Club card and get \$2 off.

Kids (ages 6-12): \$7.95 - child of Club member - get \$1 off.

Under 5: Free



Family Night - Kid's Bingo

Wednesday, Nov. 2

from 5 to 8 p.m.

Kids enjoy corn dogs, mini burgers, spaghetti and a dessert. Adults enjoy chicken parmesan and roast beef, along with a tossed salad and dessert.



Ski and Dessert Expo

Thursday, Nov. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Don't miss this fun event - sample delicious desserts, then order them for the holidays. Statewide ski resort representatives will be here to provide information about what their resort offers, so don't miss this popular annual event.



Raffle tickets will be issued to the first 200 guests 18 years or older through the door (one ticket per person) for great prizes that will be raffled at the end of the evening.



Football Frenzy

Monday, Oct. 31

Light snacks and beverage specials. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Youth Programs Center - 731-4634

School-Age Program Before & After School Care

The School Age Program is open to youth ages 5-12. The program includes Before and After School Care, and Holiday Fun.

Martial Arts

A Chinese Kempo karate class is offered for ages 4 to adult. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Youth Center. Call the Youth Center at 731-4634 for more information.



Little Netters

For grades K - 2 - practice starts Nov. 8 and games start Nov. 29.

Halloween Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 29

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Have a howling good time at the annual Youth Programs Halloween Carnival. Carnival games, costume contest, pumpkin walk, cotton candy, refreshments and snacks, and more. Purchase wristbands by Oct. 28 - \$4 per person. Purchase wrist bands on Oct. 29 - \$5 per person.



HOURS OF OPERATION

ACES HIGH BOWLING CENTER

Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. to midnight
Saturday 9 a.m. to midnight
Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Holidays Closed

ARDEN G. HILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Sunday and Holidays Closed

AUTO SKILLS SHOP

Tuesday to Friday 1 to 9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday & Holidays Closed

GRIZZLY BEND CLUB

Lunch:
Tuesday to Friday (Closed Mon) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dining:
Friday 6 to 9 p.m.
Grizzly Den Lounge: Thursday 4 to 8 p.m.
Friday 4 to 10 p.m.

Sports Bar:
Wednesday 3:30 to 8 p.m.
Friday 4 to 8 p.m.

FITNESS & SPORTS CENTER

Monday to Friday 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends and Holidays 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Holidays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday Closed

ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday and Holidays Closed

WOOD SHOP

Wednesday and Friday noon to 5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday noon to 9 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Monday & Holidays Closed

YOUTH PROGRAMS CENTER

Monday to Friday 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday (ages 12-17) 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday noon to 5 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays Closed

NOW SHOWING!

Check www.341Services.com for the current movie schedule or call the auditorium hotline at 731-3236 for changes. All movies are free.

Today

Monster-in-Law (PG13), 7 p.m. - When Charlotte (Charlie) Cantilini becomes engaged to Kevin Fields, his mother Viola sets out to sabotage their relationship. But once Charlie gets wind of Viola's schemes, she decides two can play this game. (Cast: Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda)

Saturday

Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl (PG), 3:30 p.m. - Max, a ten-year-old boy who doesn't get along with his peers, has an active imagination - he has a pair of very special imaginary playmates - Shark boy, a human-shark half-breed cared for by a pack of great whites, and Lavagirl, a girl

with superpowers who can conjure heat and fire at will. But what he doesn't know is that Sharkboy and Lavagirl really do exist, and he is recruited to help them as they do battle against Mr. Electricity, a super-villain determined to deprive children of their sleep. (Cast: Cayden Borden and Taylor Lautner)

Amityville Horror (R), 7 p.m. - George and Kathy Lutz are a young couple who are looking for a new home, and think they've found a dream house in Amityville, Long Island - a large and beautiful home available at a bargain price. George and Kathy move in with their three kids, only to discover that something evil lurks within the house. (Cast: Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George)

Movie Schedule

Malmstrom Chapel Worship Services

CATHOLIC

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Daily Mass
(Tues. to Fri.): 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation
Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.

PROTESTANT

Sunday:
 Traditional 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday:
 Music practice
 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday:
 AWANA 6:15 p.m.

Ecumenical Fellowship

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Protestant: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
 CCD: 11 a.m. to noon
 Senior high/youth: noon to 1 p.m.

Questions should be directed to the chapel staff at 731-3721.

All Saints Day mass

The base chapel will have All Saints Day Mass at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday. All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic faith. For more information, call the base chapel at 731-3721.

Jewish community luncheon today

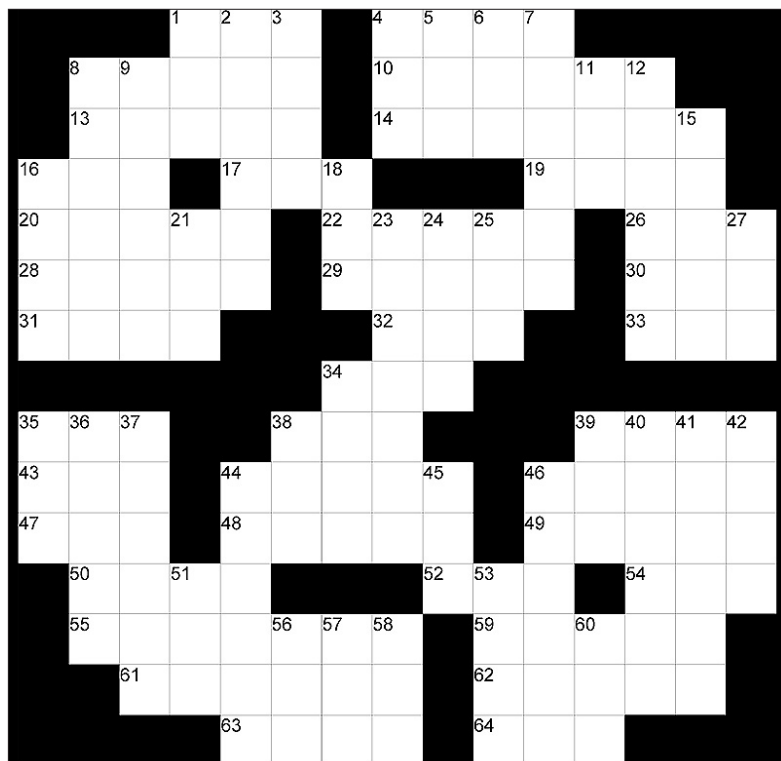
There will be a Jewish community luncheon at noon today at the Elkhorn Diner in the Montana Room. For more information, call the base chapel at 731-3721.

Ecumenical Youth Group

The chapel's Ecumenical Youth Group for youth in grades 7 to 12 meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Sundays at the youth programs center. For more information, call the base chapel at 731-3721.

Come enjoy the PS2, games, music and movies at
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1. Hubbub
2. Dwell
3. ___ out a living
4. Nav. system
5. ___ Grande
6. Actress Mendes
7. The War of the ____
8. The Cat in ___
9. King of Queens actress
11. Even
12. Traps
15. Halloween Haunted House denizen
16. 701 to Cicero
18. Saying from 15 DOWN
21. Doctors, in short
23. Jack-o-lantern starter
24. Russian ruler, once
25. Aliens, in short
27. Army policemen, in short

34. Package for deployed personnel
35. Middle East country, in short
36. Stalk of threshed grain
37. Greek letters
38. Wooden dowel
39. Scratch
40. Languid
41. Laundry stiffener
42. American feminist leader Millet; wrote Sexual Politics
44. F-15s
45. Greek letter
46. Motionless
51. Mining target
53. Sod
56. Car need
57. USN equivalent to CSAF
58. Former USSR agency
60. School org.

Happy Halloween!

By Capt. Tony Wickman, Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Female deer
4. Rose
8. Halloween query
10. Turns
13. Therefore
14. Flying
16. Rep. opponent
17. Computer component port, in short
19. Wife of Jacob
20. Primate, in short
22. Made a choice
26. CD-___; computer part
28. Halloween goal for children
29. Removes by force
30. 6th sense
31. ___ war that shapes peace... Thomas Fuller
32. Ras partner
33. Space shuttle, in short
34. Lifesaving act, in short
35. Org. concerned with troop morale
38. Golfer Se Ri ___
39. Halloween costume part
43. Cash machine
44. Feeling on Halloween
46. ___ Fe, N.M.
47. Before, poetically
48. Spy
49. Alternative to 8 ACROSS
50. Thrilled
52. Pie ___ mode
54. Field food
55. Halloween character
59. Gelatin
61. ___ is believing
62. Halloween hag
63. Crude person
64. Fed. cryptology org.

SOLUTION for Oct. 21 puzzle



Photo of the week

The public affairs staff has the pleasure of traveling throughout 341st Space Wing units to tell the unit's story to the rest of the wing. In our endeavors, we often end up taking "funny photos" that just beg for an explanation - we thought we'd share those photos with you.

Here's how it works: Each week we'll run a new photo and leave it up to you to write the caption and tell our readers what's happening. There will also be a photo from the previous week that will identify the top three submitted cutlines. Winners will be selected based on creativity and originality and will be chosen by the *High Plains Warrior* editorial staff. Send submissions to: warrior@malmstrom.af.mil no later than Monday.

Last week's photo...



1. "Delivery for you via the Great Red Pumpkin." - Donnalene McPartlin, Communication Services
2. "Are you sure this is what you want to wear to the meeting?" - Caroline Thomas, Team Malmstrom Little Warrior
3. "Whoever heard of a snozzberry?" - Brian Frank, Communication Services

This week's photo...

